## WITHDRAW NOT THY HAND FROM ME



2. But now, my God, I have, by thee so graciously invited, found the good way, where I may be with thee henceforth united. Yes, I am thine, and thou art mine – I say it with emotion; O leave not me, who cleave to thee with faith and true devotion.

5. To guard and keep me never cease, from all that is defiling; preserve me also from false peace, when life is smooth and smiling. Should dangers rise, and me surprise, and clouds around me gather, teach me to pray, and childlike say, "Help me, my God and Father."

- 3. Thou know'st my heart; ah! leave not me a prey to its devices, when it would lead me far from thee through Satan's artifices. Let me, O God, tame flesh and blood, and flee all sin and folly, that I may be conformed to thee, true, just, and pure, and holy.
- 6. Let me throughout my life esteem thy word as precious manna, and make thy Name my constant theme, my song and my hosanna; thy Son alone, the gracious throne where I may find compassion; his precious blood my strength and food, and shield against temptation.

4. We live, alas! in evil days; O let thy Spirit warn me, ere yet the world to her false ways and practices hath drawn me. Unharmed, unstained, by thee sustained, though threatened, jeered, and taunted; let me, I pray, hold on my way, calm, silent, yet undaunted.

7. Then take not, Lord, thy hand away, withdraw not thy protection, but grant me to the grave, I pray, thy guidance and direction. At my last end I will commend to thee my soul and spirit; then shall I be, my God, with thee, and endless joy inherit.

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